

SEC. 18. CONFIRMING AMENDMENT CONFIRMING HOUSING ASSISTANCE FOR QUALIFIED ALIENS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 214 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 1436a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—
(A) in paragraph (6), by striking “or” at the end;

(B) by redesignating paragraph (7) as paragraph (8); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (6) the following:

“(7) a qualified alien described in section 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1641); or”;

(2) in subsection (c)—
(A) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “(6)” and inserting “(7)”;

(B) in paragraph (2)(A), in the matter preceding clause (i), by inserting “(other than a qualified alien described in section 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1641)” after “any alien”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to applications for public benefits and public benefits provided on or after the date of the enactment of this Act without regard to whether regulations to carry out such amendments have been implemented.

SEC. 19. PROCESSING OF CERTAIN VISAS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 238(b)(5) of the William Wilberforce Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-457; 122 Stat 5085) is amended to read as follows:

“(5) Measures taken to ensure that—
“(A) the Office of Policy and Strategy at United States Citizenship and Immigration Services leads policy and program development with regard to Violence Against Women Act confidentiality-protected victims and their derivative family members; and

“(B) there is routine consultation with the Office of Policy and Strategy during the development of any other Department of Homeland Security regulation or operational policy that impacts Violence Against Women Act confidentiality-protected victims and their derivative family members.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to applications filed before, on, or after such date.

By Mr. LEAHY.

S. 329. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the nonbusiness energy property credit for property placed in service during 2008; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be placed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 329

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF NONBUSINESS ENERGY PROPERTY CREDIT FOR PROPERTY PLACED IN SERVICE DURING 2008.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (g) of section 25C of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

“(g) TERMINATION.—This section shall not apply with respect to any property placed in service after December 31, 2009.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to property placed in service after December 31, 2007.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 20—CELEBRATING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 20

Whereas the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) will celebrate its 60th anniversary at a summit to be held on April 4, 2009, in Kehl, Germany, and Strasbourg, France;

Whereas this summit will be held along the border of France and Germany to commemorate the historic post-war reconciliation in Europe that NATO has done so much to facilitate;

Whereas for 60 years, NATO has served as the preeminent organization to defend the territory of its member states against all external security threats;

Whereas the security of the United States is inseparably linked to the peace and stability of the European continent by the participation of the United States in NATO;

Whereas the security of the United States has been significantly enhanced by the integration of security and military structures in the United States and Europe achieved by NATO;

Whereas NATO continues to promote a Europe that is whole, undivided, free, and at peace;

Whereas NATO continues to support an open-door policy of admitting states that can contribute to the promotion and protection of freedom, democracy, stability, and peace throughout Europe;

Whereas, since the end of the Cold War, NATO has continued to redefine and transform itself and to take on new missions, in order to ensure that each NATO member state can defend itself against emerging threats such as terrorism, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, instability caused by failed states, cyber attacks, piracy, and threats to global energy security;

Whereas NATO continues to help stabilize the Balkans through the deployment of troops to Kosovo;

Whereas NATO has deployed naval assets to the Gulf of Aden to address the growing threat of piracy in the region and to help protect the delivery of United Nations food assistance to Somalia;

Whereas after the 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States, Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty, signed at Washington April 4, 1949 (TIAS 1964), was invoked for the first time in the history of the organization, and NATO deployed 50,000 troops from all 26 NATO member states to Afghanistan to respond to a dangerous insurgency and terrorist threat and to help re-build a shattered country;

Whereas the challenges that continue to be posed by the resurgence of the Taliban and the illicit drug trade in Afghanistan highlight the need for a sustained and strengthened NATO presence in Afghanistan;

Whereas NATO continues to enhance the security of Europe and the world by strengthening partnerships with countries around the world; and

Whereas Congress continues to support NATO, the leadership role of the United

States Government in European security affairs, and the continued enlargement of NATO; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the 60th anniversary of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization;

(2) reaffirms that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is strong, enduring, and oriented for the challenges of the future; and

(3) expresses appreciation for—

(A) the steadfast partnership between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and the United States Government; and

(B) the work of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to ensure peace, security, and stability in Europe and throughout the world.

SENATE RESOLUTION 21—TO AUTHORIZE TESTIMONY IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. VINCENT J. FUMO, ET AL

Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 21

Whereas, in the case of United States of America v. Vincent J. Fumo, et al., Cr. No. 06-319, pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, testimony has been subpoenaed from David Urban, a former employee of the office of Senator Arlen Specter;

Whereas, by the privileges of the Senate of the United States and Rule XI of the Standing Rules of the Senate, no evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may, by the judicial or administrative process, be taken from such control or possession but by permission of the Senate;

Whereas, when it appears that evidence under the control or in the possession of the Senate may promote the administration of justice, the Senate will take such action as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the Senate: Now, therefore, be it *Resolved* that David Urban is authorized to testify in United States of America v. Vincent J. Fumo, et al., except concerning matters for which a privilege should be asserted.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 38. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. SANDERS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 328, to postpone the DTV transition date.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 38. Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. KERRY, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KOHL, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. SANDERS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 328, to postpone the DTV transition date; as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “DTV Delay Act”.

SEC. 2. POSTPONEMENT OF DTV TRANSITION DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3002(b) of the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 (47 U.S.C. 309 note) is amended—